

# Point Three



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Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House – the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points – to think fairly.

Cover picture

Surviving the famine thanks to OXFAM.  
See article on p3.

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# Editorial

## PAINS IN THE MIND

Toc H is, at its best, a bottom-up society. Despite the paraphernalia of administrative tiers and Headquarters, of Central Council and Central Committees, the basic unit is the small group, working face to face with people, and the health of the Movement is directly related to the health of such small groups. Whether they look like traditional Branches, or the more experimental 'group', or the short term grouping of people joining together for a limited project, these small units are the building blocks of Toc H, and the edifice depends on them. It is at these grass roots of Toc H that the real work is done, the real interface with society happens, and really new expressions are pioneered. Few worthwhile developments in Toc H ever come from the top down; the great majority have bubbled up from the grass roots, or from individuals with a concern, and that remains true today.

The history of the Movement is full of examples of new ideas and activities happening because one person had a 'pain in the mind'. The very foundation was due to the fact that a certain charismatic clergyman had a vision which he then shared. Some years later, the Movement as a whole responded magnificently to the need to combat leprosy, all because the very same individual had another 'pain in the mind'. Our very first national conference centre, at Dor Knap, was obtained because one man was convinced that we needed one, and pushed and pushed. There are literally dozens of examples of individuals going out on a limb, and showing others that it was a limb well worth being on! Such people have given Toc H its momentum and kept it on the frontiers in all sorts of ways. Two current examples of the same phenomenon are the work in Crawley with homeless people, and the work with Bangladeshis both in the UK and in Bangladesh. There are others.

This pattern of life does not please everyone. There are those who are genuinely convinced that Toc H ought to adopt some sort of agreed type of work, and encourage everyone to fall into line, so that we are seen to be making a high profile impact on some national need! That, they argue, would build a good image of Toc H, so people would know about us. It might be true, but it wouldn't be Toc H. It is of the essence of a diverse family like Toc H that different people do different things. It may be messy, but it is also lively and healthy. Tidy uniformity is the last thing the Movement needs. It needs lot and lots of diverse initiatives.

We are at our weakest when there is a shortage of such initiatives. When that happens, all too often people are tempted to look for artificial substitutes. The concept of a 'national job' is one, as is the call for more national leadership and more national direction. There is the vain hope that, in some mysterious way, the centre can generate what the grass roots should be generating. It is a dangerous fallacy. The central administration and leadership have their roles and they are important. They include co-ordinating, guarding the best traditions, keeping the family united (though not uniform), managing resources and so on. They do not include trying to fill the gap when local initiative is lacking. Too often people at the centre, hearing the cries for more leadership, fall into the trap of believing that it can be done centrally. It is not true. The central role is to challenge the Movement, at grass roots, to be the real pioneers, and to assist it when it tries. We need a lot more groups and individuals ready to go 'out on a limb' and take the risks. After all, that was how Toc H started.

It is in the light of that tradition that we carry the proposals, in this issue, about a 'Guarantors Scheme' for International disasters. This is the brainchild of one member, who has been nibbling away at this idea for some time. It is a genuine 'pain in the mind' and this magazine seems a proper forum for him to sound out opinion. He has already put the idea to various agencies involved in the Aid field. There has been a mixed reception, but enough interest to encourage him to try it out. It is to be hoped that readers will carefully consider the proposals, and, if in sympathy, take the very small step of returning the reply slip enclosed. It might lead to big things. Who knows?

JEM



# A Guarantor Scheme for International Disasters

David Pope

For some years I have been concerned about our inability to respond swiftly to bring relief to disaster areas throughout the world. This is a problem of organisation, rather than of will, as I have found myself, when trying to donate money for a disaster which has hit the headlines but for which an appeal fund has not yet been set up.

Detailed here are my ideas for a guarantor scheme which would enable international agencies to act promptly on promises which would be honoured later. These are obviously provisional ideas which can be improved on, but I have tried to think of all the problems which might arise from such a scheme. There are sufficient ideas here to form a basis for discussion and on which to base a survey to find out if there would be a response big enough to make the scheme viable. I am therefore proposing that we use our Movement as a sounding board — taking the membership of Toc H as a reasonable cross section of the community. Inside this edition of *Point Three* you will find a slip which you can return indicating how you would support such a scheme if it was created. If there was an adequate response from Toc H the next step would be to present the findings to various aid agencies for their consideration.

Although sending in the slip would not commit people in any way to the scheme if it is set up, careful thought is essential before the slip is filled in. To my mind it will be more important to get a large number of people to guarantee a sum of money well within their means rather than a few making promises that will be difficult for them to honour.



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## The Guarantor Scheme

PURPOSE —	To enable international aid agencies to borrow money on a short term basis to meet the immediate needs of a disaster area.
SCOPE —	To cover any emergency which is designated by the aid agencies participating in this scheme as a disaster for which they will be providing aid. The criteria of 'what is a disaster?' to be agreed and published.
RUN BY —	The aid agencies in conjunction with the banks.
OBTAINING GUARANTORS —	Leaflets would be widely distributed explaining the scheme and containing the names and addresses of the agencies involved. A guarantor form would be included to be returned to the relevant agency (FREEPOST if the Post Office was prepared to co-operate with the scheme).
REGISTRATION —	A Register of guarantors to be maintained by each agency and details of guarantee money to be kept on a central computer. As each guarantor form is received a set of envelopes (with FREEPOST addresses) to be sent out.
INITIATION OF SCHEME —	The first appeal for guarantors would be linked with an international disaster appeal.
PROCEDURE WHEN DISASTER IDENTIFIED —	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agencies borrow, for immediate use, a percentage of the money guaranteed to it. (Say 75% to allow for guarantors who cannot, or do not, meet their commitment, this percentage being adjusted in the light of experience.)</li><li>2. Media appeals to be made as before, but including a request for guarantors to respond quoting a reference number for that particular appeal.</li><li>3. Loan to be repaid as the appeal money comes in.</li></ol>
LIMITATION —	The guarantor would be invited to decide his or her own limit to the number of appeals, per year, to which a response will be made. Thus a guarantor would be able to be clear about his/her maximum annual contribution.

Comments on this proposal will be welcomed, as will completed slips. Please send them to me, David Pope, at 13 Glevum Close, Purton, Swindon, Wilts SN5 9HA.



# Round and about

## Huddersfield Outing

Ken Asquith of Newsome (Huddersfield) Men's Branch tells us of their 21st annual outing for the housebound when 80 housebound and handicapped friends were taken by coach on a tour of the countryside calling at the Harthead service area on the M62 for tea and biscuits. On their return to Newsome Junior School they were given a meat tea which had been prepared by members and their wives. The dining room looked very attractive with gaily colour tablecloths and serviettes and a plant on each table. After tea they were entertained to a concert so that by evening everyone was very tired but very happy.

*'We were honoured to have the deputy mayor and mayoress to see the coaches depart and they went in each coach and had a word with many of the passengers. It is a very rewarding day especially when our friends say how much they have enjoyed their trip, and in some cases say they haven't been out since the last time they were on our outing. What a sad state of affairs! If only finances would allow us to do more.'*

## Festival Fund-Drive

Money is beginning to flow in for this appeal. Over £500 has been sent so far, and we have had help from Alston, Tavistock, Harrogate, Ipswich, Chirk, Toftwood, North Walsham, Stowmarket, Norwich, Clacton-on-Sea, St Austell, Higham Ferrers, Biggleswade, Barton-on-Humber and Middlesbrough. Thanks to all those who have helped, and to the many more that we know are going to!

## Links with young offenders

After over 20 years, Ipswich (M) Branch's meetings with the Chaplain and certain inmates of the Hollesley Bay Borstal Colony, now known as a Detention Centre, has had to cease. The changes in the system of punishment for young offenders has brought this about. Over the years members of the Branch have visited the Colony and taken part in discussions and other exercises with the Chaplain's group of lads and his Group has visited the Branch to be entertained with games and refreshments. Over the past three years there has been in the Summer a three-way dimension when the Scouts Troop, who share the Hall, invite Branch members and the Hollesley lads to meet them for an outdoor gathering at their camp site at Hallowtree.

Members have also been invited to attend Harvest Festivals, Carol Services and a Chaplain's Induction Service by the Governor of the Colony over the past few years. Because of the connection a few of the lads have participated in Toc H projects.

## Eltham Outing

Eltham Branch had a very interesting day on Saturday, 6 July when they took 60 members of their Handicapped Club, Helpers and Branch members to Hertford.

The visit provided an opportunity to meet with a former member and Chairman of Eltham Branch, John Harding and later in the afternoon they went over to Hoddesdon to a Tea and Entertainment provided by Hoddesdon Branch who made a tremendous effort throughout the day and ensured a most memorable visit.

## Have Fun and Make Money

Doris Foxworthy, the secretary, tells us 'Parkhurst, Isle of Wight Women's Branch held a Charity Shop in High Street, Newport for a week. We exceeded our expectations, and, including a small Jumble Sale earlier in the month, we raised £1,000. A grand total, due to every member (we are 20 in number) doing her utmost to provide all kinds of goods for sale. It was a happy and exciting week as well as being rewarding moneywise. We made many friends, produced an outfit for a young bride, a dress for a lady's golden wedding celebrations and our clothes went to England, Scotland and Wales. In addition two young visitors from Zimbabwe bought jackets for 50p each.

*'We spread the Toc H message far and wide (gave away many of our 'What is Toc H?' leaflets) and would readily recommend this form of project for both money raising and publicity.'*

## Stockmen's Canteen

Once again Toc H have organised the Canteen for the stockmen at the Royal Norfolk Show. Although members are getting older and helpers not so easy to find the stockmen have again been provided with somewhere to sit, something to eat and drink and a chance to relax from Tuesday lunchtime to Thursday evening when they make their way home.

The stockmen are very appreciative of the fact that Norfolk has the only Toc H canteen still running and quite firmly state they would be most upset if it came to an end.

Despite the terrible weather they all enjoyed themselves. They put the following notice up which managed to raise a couple of pounds in aid of funds. It can be altered to suit the occasion — one reveals the answer on payment of a fee.

YCHJCYTPIAOTHF

(Any suggested solutions welcome)

— Editor

## Kettering Flag Day

Kettering (M) Branch, only six strong, decided to put their best foot forward on their annual Flag Day. With the services of seven extra helpers giving an hour or two of their time street collecting, they collected well over £200 — which was well over double their normal takings.

*The photograph shows Eric Walker and Edwin Howes (centre and right) presenting a cheque for half the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Scanner Appeal for the local hospital.*





### The second 65,000 miles?

Mablethorpe and Sutton-on-Sea Branch has just acquired a new Sherpa van (see photograph). It replaces their faithful old van which covered 65,000 miles, and among other uses provides a visiting service to Louth Hospital, 20 miles away, takes disabled people swimming, and is also used by local youth clubs and church gatherings.



### Family Day

The Strode Park and Herne Branch annual Family Day was again an outstanding success, with an attendance of more than 90 from Branches in Kent. The guest speaker was Mr Keith Rea, International Secretary.

Canterbury Salvation Army Band and Singers gave a concert in the afternoon and the evening service included an address by the Rev Malcolm Perkins, retiring South East Region staff padre. He was presented with a cheque on behalf of Thanet District by Miss Christine Reeves, district chairman, and Mrs Peggy Beardall, a Strode Park Branch member, gave him a good wishes card signed by all members of the Branch. She also made a presentation to Mrs Perkins on behalf of the Branch.

### Tiggers abroad!

Paul Wallis, of the Wimborne Tiggers group, has been sponsored to join an ACROSS pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. This pilgrimage take terminally ill patients who travel in a 'jumbulance' which combines medical care with transport. We hope to hear more of this from Paul on his return.

### And briefly

... Bournemouth and Christchurch Branch raised over £190 at a recent garden party at the home of members Albert and Betty Aldridge.

... Anstey Branch recently organised a social afternoon and evening for senior citizens when 91 volunteer car drivers turned out to take them for a ride or visit of their own choice.

... Members of Thanet District recently toured the Houses of Parliament under the guidance of Mr Roger Gale, MP.

... During the severe winter West Central (W) cancelled their January programme, but three members did meet once to talk business ... in the local ice cream parlour!

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As part of the tenth anniversary of Friendship Circles a group of members came from Teesside to the Midsummer Festival by minibus. On the journey south they called at numerous towns to collect signatures of a friendship scroll. Staff member Jacqui Barr is pictured with (left to right) Len Firth, Keith Watson and Elaine Lockwood, all of Huddersfield Toc H.



# We will Remember...

**Editor's Note:**  
Due to pressure of space, the Editor usually has to reduce the length of tributes sent in – and will continue to do so unless the author specifically requests 'All or nothing'!

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

## In May

Anne King (Wigmore)  
Madge Sutton (Enfield)

## In June

George L Blackford (Kennington (Kent)),  
Rena W Cawte (Netherhall), Arthur E  
Cottrell (Marshalswick), William H Elliott  
(Coomb), Frank Taylor (Rochdale),  
Beatrice I Trend (Hemel Hempstead),  
Eric C Watkin (Western Approaches &  
Chiltern Vale District)

## In July

Christine D Haskins (Wimborne), Jack  
Harrower (Alloa), Doris Longley  
(Wallasey), William Porter (Rochdale),  
Eleanor Spice (Fareham), Hilda M  
Weaver (Grays), Ada L E Woolfrey  
(Chiseldon)

## Not previously recorded

Lionel Birkett (Middlesbrough), Elva  
Burton (Thurrock), Henry P Manton  
(South Dorset District), Ernest H Pollard  
(Porlock), Kitty Roberts (Mold)

Madge Sutton, who died in May, had been a very active member of Ponders End, Edmonton and Enfield Branches, and at District level, from the 1930s, until family and health reasons forced her to resign.

George Riddleton tells us that 'Leslie Breed was a member of Whetstone (M) Branch for nearly 60 years. Well known locally, he was Pilot and Treasurer for many years and founder member and treasurer of the local Retired Citizens' Guild which the Branch started some 15 years ago. His presence will be greatly missed in our Toc H meetings'.

Reg Collins tells us that Christine Haskins 'talked, breathed and lived Toc H. She was a devoted worker and a great encourager. It was largely due to her efforts that the youth group, the Wimborne Tiggers was born. It gave Christine much joy to see the group grow into the lively Branch that it now is.

'In the course of many years service she held offices at Branch and District level and at the time of her death she was a member of the Southern Regional Council. She will be sadly missed.'

Maurice Travis writes of Bill Porter: 'He was formerly a member of Haywood Branch until its closure, when he joined Rochdale, where he was Pilot for many years. He was a dedicated Toc H man and a committed Christian, and we shall remember his friendship with gratitude'.



Connie Tate says of Doris Longley, 'She was a lively and extrovert character. Many a Central Council has been happier for her contribution and sometimes rebuke at the microphone, but underneath this smiling exterior was a person of seriousness and deep faith which gave meaning and purpose to her life. She was a tireless worker during her term of office on the Central Executive Committee, a regular attendee at Regional meetings and a staunch supporter at District level. Her interest in the Old House was apparent and she was Secretary of the Friends of Talbot House. She was a member of her local hospital League of Friends and broadcast many times on local radio "never forgetting the plug for Toc H" as she would say. Her church life was important to her and besides being a member at St Johns in Wallasey, she was also a regular worshipper at the Parish church in Liverpool, where she had an office in the crypt.

## Wheels and Toc H

Hugh Potts

Some years ago when I paid a visit to Madeira on the way home on leave from E Africa I was greatly intrigued to see that the sledge was still in use as a form of transport. The iron runners slid very easily over the polished cobbles and the mules and drivers manoeuvred very expertly. It was a vivid reminder of what a landmark in history was reached when the wheel appeared.

Later in life I got to know more about wheels when I lived in a parish where there was a smithy, a wheel assembling plate and a smith's furnace in which the iron tyre was heated before being dropped on the wooden wheel. Buckets of water were then thrown on the sizzling iron, the tyre contracted, and the wooden parts of the wheel creaked and groaned as they were forcibly squeezed into a tight fit.

### The Hub

Later still I came to see the wooden wheel as an illustration of Toc H. The beginning of the wooden wheel is the massive wooden hub into which the spokes fit and in Toc H everything begins from the centre and the centre is Christ.

Christ brought to planet Earth a totally new conception of God, so new that we are still busy getting used to it, even after 1985 years of living 'AD'.

Until Christ, God had been perceived as 'up there' or 'out there', laying down the standards, checking up on us. He still is for many. But with Christ we incredulously found He was down here, with us, in us, amongst us, totally involved with us. No longer the judge ('I judge no man' He was heard to say) marking up our endless falls, but the intimate Friend and Brother, absolutely special to each single one, pitying us for our falls, only waiting to be asked to help us get going again, waiting, sweating, agonising, encouraging, loving, pardoning...

Everything in Toc H depends on our idea of God. True, He is transcendent, maker of the starry spaces, mountains, volcanoes, invisible atomic world, but revealed in Christ He is also sweating it out on the ground with the underpaid tin miners of Bolivia who only live to 35, agonising with the mothers of dying starvelings in Ethiopia, murdered with Jerzy Popieluszko, helping you and me

when the going is rough and we feel like packing it in. He's also involved in all suffering nature, broiler house fowls, battery hens, vivisected animals, all He suffers, and that includes me and my lukewarm cosy little life. He suffers all for the sake of the growth of the Kingdom of the Father here on earth.

Christ is the centre of it all, the hub. Our Movement is great only insofar as Christ is in the midst of it. The primary need of Toc H is therefore well put in the Main Resolution. 'To listen now and always to the voice of God and know His will revealed in Christ.' Praying is listening, not primarily talking. Anyone can listen, anyone can pray. It's utterly normal.

### The Spokes

The spokes are all socketted in to the hub. Some go upwards from the hub to the top of the rim, some down to the bottom. It is possible for two people to be diametrically opposed yet still be joined into Christ or to God (What price Terry Waite and Col Gadaffi?). Toc H must have people of infinitely varying views or it becomes a cosy old folks club of like minded people. If the meeting gets heated that's fine. Light is on the way!

The spokes are fashioned with a spokeshave, a pulling tool which shaves



Funds raised by Bracknell and Binfield Toc H have purchased three nerve stimulating machines and a walking frame for the physiotherapy department of Heatherwood Hospital. The £400 raised was presented to the hospital in December and recently members went along to Heatherwood to see the new equipment. As well as raising nearly £2,500 for other charities over the past ten years they also regularly entertain members of the Branch at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables at Putney, to a summer outing. The Branch has just four members, but they disown discouragement! Others, please note!

The Toc H way of life was her way of life and we have lost from our midst a true "fisher of men". She will indeed be greatly missed by all of us, but not least by her family.

Beatrice Symons writes that 'Gladys Shannon, a founder member of Plymstock (W) died in June, aged 87. She had been a loyal member for many years, and always ready to help in any way she could'.

Dotty Owen tells us that Arthur Cottrell had been a member since June 1937 and during the war years served in the Royal Navy. 'We had many laughs with him when he related tales of his life aboard ship...'

'He inspired us with his enthusiasm and will be greatly missed.'

We give thanks for their lives



Photo: Bracknell & Binfield News



Photo: Graham Davies

The Branch Executive of Bargoed (W) Branch, present a cheque for £200 towards the Epileptic Unit at the University Hospital of Wales. This was part of a total of £700 given to other charities, plus nearly £300 to Family Purse.

the spokes down to size, slender and graceful yet each perfectly fitted for a share of the weight as each takes its turn. It takes most of a life time to get us cut down to the right size for the job. Many object to the process and retire hurt. I'm astonished at how thick I am. But He is a patient carpenter!

### The Felloes

So far we have been talking about ourselves and our relation with Christ. But what about the other end of the spokes? They are socketted into the wooden sections which form the rim of the wheel. So we have Branches or Districts to which we belong. Oddly enough the name for the wooden section is Felloes, spelt with an 'e' not a 'w' so by a lucky coincidence the name for the sections literally does illustrate the idea of fellowship. Some sections are at the top of the circumference and some at the bottom, but it is all one wheel and how important it is that we should never lapse into parochialism or insularity — a sure road to stagnation. For Life is Meeting, meeting one another, exchanging ideas.

### The Iron Tyre

The iron tyre goes round the lot and reminds us that our annual celebration of the World Chain of Light binds us

together in a worldwide family. The tyre is put on hot and as it shrinks with the water thrown on it compresses the parts of the wheel. Not only in Toc H did this happen in the beginning but in the world today it is happening with a vengeance.

They used to say 'confession is good for the soul' but today it would be better to substitute 'compression'. The members of the world wide family are being squeezed into a tighter interdependence than we had ever imagined. No wonder the component parts of the wheel of world society creak and groan as St Paul observed. The terrible hardships and cruelties we inflict on one another from N Ireland to Ethiopia are before our eyes day and night. Yet the Spirit is remorselessly binding us together in spite of our rebellion. He knows very well what He is doing and is content to work from the smallest of beginnings wherever discord, wounds and hatred abound. The little Corrymeela community in Antrim, reconciling small groups of Protestant and Catholic children; The Prisoners Christian Fellowship bringing new hope to inmates of overcrowded cells; and, for good measure, our Movement itself born in a little Belgian estaminet within earshot of the guns and no stranger to mud and blood.

All of these are part of the pattern to

which we in Toc H are pledged, and the hallmark of it is always the small beginning and the mighty growth. It is God's way. Did he not after all enter the world of our selfishness through the anguish of a woman near her time desperately seeking somewhere for her Child to be born? We give God the worst and lo behold He makes it His best. Of a truth it is no easy adventure, no simple task to which we have been called as we hear in the charge at our rededication services.

Does Toc H have a long future? Does it matter? As long as with its dying breath it is continuing to bear witness to a floundering world of God's way of working with the wills of men we need not worry. Size really is irrelevant. Christ entered the world all alone and died all but alone and rose alone. His pattern really works. He knows very well what He is doing. He has let Toc H into the secret in a degree not granted to many other churches and bodies and bids us all accept our littleness undismayed as He says 'Fear not little flock'. It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. We accept the gift and the challenge it brings.

This article is taken from a sermon given at a recent Gloucestershire District Re-dedication Service.



# midsummer festival cuddesdon house – 22-23 july

## from the chairman of the festival committee

I am writing as Chairman of the Midsummer Festival Committee to express our thanks to everyone who contributed to the Festival Weekend at Cuddesdon. We were delighted by the number of people who participated in

the Festival in so many different ways and we hope that everyone found plenty to enjoy despite some strange summer weather.

To those who were able to come, those who helped set things up and those who donated money and prizes, thank you all very much indeed.

And here's to the next 70 years!

Philip Douch  
Newbury



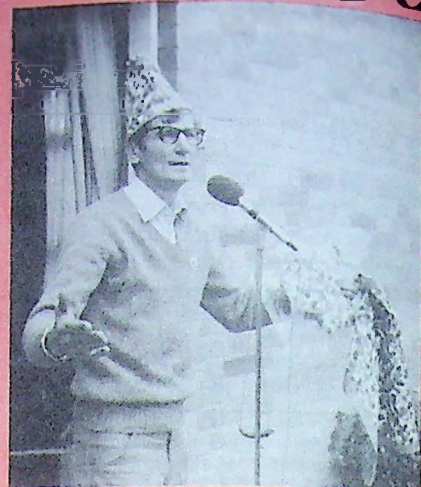
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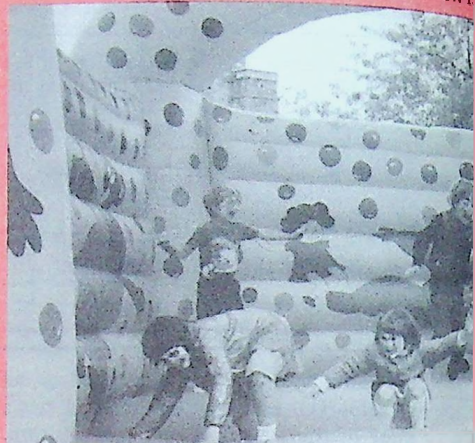
*Face painting*



*'Do it yourself' in the Craft Tent*



*Adrian Dudman, Chief Auctioneer.*



*Leicester Toc H brought their 'bouncy castle'*

## celebrating christ the jester

Ken Prideaux-Brune

Right from the moment when, around noon on the Saturday, we arrived at an already crowded Cuddesdon we were enveloped in the usual Festival atmosphere of 'How are you after all these years?', an atmosphere of hugs and kisses, an atmosphere in which you never seem to be able to get to the loo because of all the old friends you meet on the way. Caught up, too, in the rather special atmosphere of this particular Festival. We seemed to be surrounded by people in fancy dress, from the clown costumes of the leaders (if that's the right word) of the Kinderfest to Timi Day's elegant grey morning suit. The Festival Challenge brought tennis stars and 'bumblebees' – and Don Lockhart's beautiful old Bentley. The problem of putting names to faces was made almost insoluble by the face paint worn by so many. Zaniness was clearly alive and well and living at Cuddesdon.

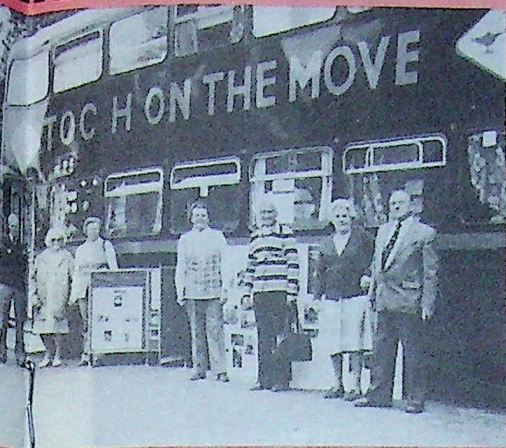
So much was going on all over the site that memories can only be fragmentary and personal. The garden dominated by the huge inflatable castle from Leicestershire Toc H, so popular that children had to be banned for a time so that the adults could have a turn undisturbed! The courage of Newbury Harmony making beautiful sounds through their shivers as the rain began and the temperature plummeted. The artistry of the Bangladeshi children in their beautifully presented programme of traditional dances and songs. The children's area where, throughout the weekend, there were sufficient children to keep a group of volunteers entertained, if far from quiet. The riotous auctions conducted by Adrian Dudman. The apparently casual and relaxed voices of George Lee and Philip Douch at the microphone as they somehow kept the programme moving despite all that the weather could do to disrupt it. The willingness of people to participate in all that was going on – even those who took refuge from wind and rain in the marquee and found themselves charmingly and energetically cajoled into singing in three-part harmony. The

informal, crazy and deeply moving Act of Thanksgiving with which the weekend closed.

The memories will be different for each of us. But what will remain with us is not our recollection of particular events but the atmosphere which marked the weekend as something special. The excuse for this Festival was the 70th birthday of Toc H but there was no nostalgic looking back. We were celebrating the Toc H of the future, which is even now coming into being, a Toc H which is sometimes in external appearances new and different but which, at a deeper level, shares the same spirit that has animated Toc H at its best throughout these 70 years. That spirit can't be described or analysed; it can only be experienced. It is, if you want to try to put it into words, the spirit of Christ the Jester, the recognition that the most loving, the most deeply human things find their most profound expression in laughter. Ludicrously we picture the Kingdom of Heaven as rows of complacent gentlemen sitting solemnly on clouds. The joke is that in fact the Kingdom is silly hats and face paint.



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andover Branch at the Festival publicity area, based in the Toc H Plus Bus.



Photos: Judi Edwards, Liz Jones, Hugh Potts

How does one describe a Festival? The June issue of Point Three gave the detailed programme, and it adds little to report that it all took place, more or less as planned. Beyond that, it is a matter of personal impression and response, rather than the dull recording of facts and statistics. We offer, therefore, a sample of pictures, views and letters which we hope give a taste of what was a delightfully varied feast.

How lovely to be able to bring the whole family to the Festival Weekend!

The four of us slept in a two-man ridge tent. Very cosy and great fun for my six year old twins. We put them to bed late so that they could see a little of the barn dance but their body-clocks woke them at their usual time — yawn! Hence their game of cricket on the camp site at 7am. Apologies to fellow campers!

We took part in the Festival Challenge, although no-one could have recognised us. We were the two tall ghosts. Charles and I each had one of the boys on our shoulders and we were shrouded in white sheeting.

Thank you to the Kinderfest team for keeping my urchins entertained. We left the boys forming a human tent under an old parachute and strolled around to meet many faces I hadn't seen since my Toc H staff days.

T-Bone Boogie's music was blood-bubbling and knee-jittering. My sons' mouths opened in disbelief at the sight of young folk dancing to their music in the rain.

I visited the craft tent and having found a gorgeous hand-knitted jumper, Charles was despatched to the tent — yes, in the rain — to collect the cheque book.

My disaster of the weekend?

The sausages were sizzling nicely on our Primus (in the rain) the boys were dutifully cross-legged in the tent awaiting their food, and we realised 'mummy' had forgotten the tomato ketchup!

Thank you Festival Committee for a super weekend.

Cheryl Wood  
Beckenham

A tremendous show you young people! Yours was the initiative in launching the Summer Festival and deserved well of the weather, but true to its unpredictable character the British summer chose that day to go missing.

But in true Toc H fashion it was business as usual for you. You danced in the rain, the little ones bounced in the drizzle, the pottery kiln belched out smoky defiance and we older ones sang exciting new rounds in the marque.

If it had been the best of all summer days it would have been a super fete and nothing much more, but this one demonstrated the truth that Toc H is at its best in spite of obstacles, for that is how it began and so may it ever continue!

Hugh Potts  
Gloucester

## from the chaplain

At the Festival Thanksgiving Service at Cuddesdon I told a story about the writing of the hymn, 'Now Thank We All Our God', and we sang the hymn, with gusto!

With so many disasters in the world, wars, floods and famine, it is reasonable to ask 'Why a festival thanksgiving?' Well, let me tell you about Martin Rinkart and the hymn, 'Now Thank We All Our God'.

Martin Rinkart was a minister in the town of Eilenberg in Saxony, in the 17th Century, during a period of civil war between Catholic and Protestant German states. The war lasted for 30 years. Martin Rinkart started his ministry in Eilenberg just before the war began and he died shortly after the Peace of Amiens brought the war to an end.

Eilenberg was situated right in the middle of the conflict. At the beginning of the war there were approximately 1,000 houses and buildings in Eilenberg. By the

end of the war only 200 were left standing. The war flooded the town with refugees and the overcrowded streets became the squalid seedbed of a terrible plague. Eight thousand people died in one year, including Martin Rinkart's wife. All the clergy died, or fled, with the exception of Martin. Sometimes he conducted funeral services for as many as 40 or 50 people in a single day.

The plague was followed by famine. Martin opened his house and shared his food with as many as he could. He then trudged around neighbouring towns begging for money to buy food for the people of Eilenberg and her refugees.

Those of us who rarely go hungry might find it hard to imagine the relief and gratitude of the hungry. Martin Rinkart saw it every day for years. He knew it for himself when he shared a loaf of bread with his own children. It was at this time that Martin wrote a 'grace' for his three children. It consisted of three verses, one for each child. We know that grace as the hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God'.

Despite having lost and suffered so much,

Martin Rinkart never lost sight of the love of God. In the midst of disaster he was aware of the presence of God; aware that when people wept and suffered, the God of love suffered with them. He was aware that no matter what evil men may inflict on innocence and love, God's love could never be defeated. In recognition of that unending love, he attempted to channel that same love through his own hands, and strengthened by it he could write 'Now Thank We All Our God'.

This should not come as a surprise to members of Toc H. After all, it was the ability to see the love of God in the worse situation that gave birth to Toc H. The sharing of that unending love is the bedrock of our Movement, which is why, at our festival, we sang, with gusto! 'Now Thank We All Our God'.

Frank Topping

## overheard at the kinderfest:

Young boy: 'Are you an arter?'

Keen volunteer: 'What's an arter?'

Young boy, delighted: 'Someone who does art, stupid!'



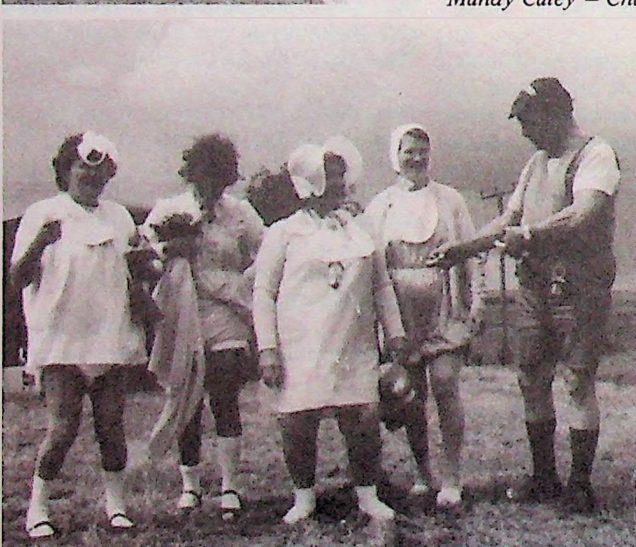
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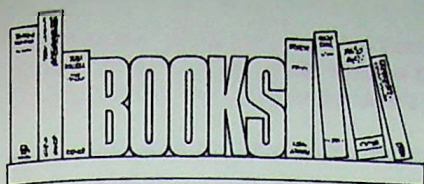


Mandy Caley – Challenge Organiser

Photos: Mandy Caley, Judi Edwards, Liz Jones, Rudolf Loewy







## The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory. Iona prayers

by Revd George F MacLeod

George MacLeod, the founder of the Iona Community, is one of the great prophetic figures of the Church. He is also a peerless leader of worship and, to mark his 90th birthday, the Iona Community has published a brief selection from the prayers he has written over the years. They are eloquent and evocative and full of a love of nature and of the ordinary things of life. Full, too, of challenge in sudden powerful colloquialisms – 'We ask you to make us seekers, rather than know-alls'; 'too often we make the church an institute when you want it to be a chaos of uncalculating love'. The mood of many of the prayers is echoed in a selection of colour photographs of Iona. This is a beautiful, challenging and illuminating book.

Ken Prideaux-Brune

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Steve Hanson has lost his beard! He sat for a day in John Walker Square, Stockton, and the public were invited to help remove it, at 10p per snip. 160 snips later, Steve was clean shaven and Toc H Friendship Circles had benefited from the proceeds. Our picture shows Tony Hubble making a test run with a carving knife.

# TOC H CHRISTMAS CARDS

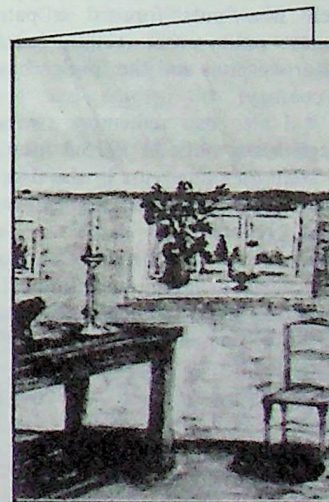
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# Open Forum

## Greenham Common

I have read the article by Isobel Bowles about nuclear weapons but I wonder if she is being rather naive. Can one really believe the Soviet Union when they declare it will never use nuclear weapons on states that do not have them? Has she thought that if we destroyed all ours the Soviet Union would find a devious excuse to 'do an Afghanistan' on England? They have no right to be in Afghanistan and certainly Afghanistan has no nuclear weapons. That rather destroys their declaration completely. I think Isobel should realise the Soviet Union's declaration is a political ploy with perhaps some sinister designs behind it. I would remind her that for years communism has declared its final determination is world domination. I am old enough at 76 to learn that appeasement does not win against a tyrant. We found that out with Hitler. Her protests should be made to the Soviet Union. That's where the threat comes from.

Roy Banks  
Ilford

John Randell asks for an article 'giving a sensible view of an adequate defence policy'. He is, of course, asking for the impossible. There is no defence policy available to Britain (or Russia or the USA or anywhere else) that includes nuclear weapons, as, he seems to believe, should be included. Such weapons and defence are mutually exclusive. Rather, John ought to look at the Labour Party policy, which now puts forward a patriotic defence policy that totally excludes nuclear weapons and the foreign bases in this country.

I also can remember two wars, though being born in 1915 I have only few memories of events in the first war! However, I very well remember the period before the last war when 'Conservatives' and other anti-Communists and invaders, including some in the Toc H leadership, tried to appease Hitler with such dire consequences. I agree that 'appeasement' does not pay. The same sort of crusaders, led today by Margaret Thatcher and Michael Heseltine are doing their damndest to appease the anti-Communist nuclear warriors of the US. In the anti-Communist War which they are preparing, Britain would be wiped off the map.

I was pleased to find a Toc H stall at a local street festival in Spitalfields yesterday and it brought back happy memories!

Michael Wippell  
London NWS

## Thank-you

Over the last few weeks covering my retirement period, so much warmth and affection has been shown to Joan and myself by what has been said to us and about us, that the two simple words 'Thank you' seems so utterly inadequate. We have attended 12 Retirement 'Do's', eight of which have been Toc H events, and we have met over 500 friends. Their generosity of gifts of both money and kind have amounted to over £500, and we have some lovely gifts including a Colour TV from the SE Region and a lovely long weekend holiday in the New Forest all paid for by Toc H friends. The final thoughtful touch came with the cheque from Staff Colleagues and friends who work for Toc H at Wendover and elsewhere, which was accompanied by a beautiful signed card entitled a 'A halt at The Swan', a flash back to all the work that grew from The Swan at Maidstone which led to the Swan Group (now part of Maidstone Swan Joint Branch), Coffee Bar for the Un-employed, and Swan House for the lonely (a joint Toc H/Carr Gomm venture).

At Swanwick last year, Jim Lewis, then Chairman, in his farewells to George Lee and myself said: *We don't say to each other often enough "We love you"*. So many of you have said just that in so many lovely ways over the last few weeks. We have both been utterly overwhelmed by all that has been said and done for us, and between you you have made us two very happy and grateful people. To ALL our friends in Toc H (and there are so many of you) we say: Thank you so very much.

God bless,

Polly and Joan Perkins  
Maidstone

## Toc H comes first

Pat Turner (*Point Three* June) suggests that half or all monies raised by Camborne Branch should go to HQ and prompts me to ask why, and for what purpose?

It is obvious, from reports appearing in *Point Three*, that many Branches return some of the money they raise to the Community from which it came. After remitting £10 per member to HQ surely any need in their own community should be catered for. Camborne Branch is to be congratulated for co-operating with other organisations for I expect that any help given is repaid in kind. Money alone will not revitalise our Movement unless it is properly used.

Harry Brier (same issue *Point*

*Three*) echoes the question posed by Satish Visavadia 'Where the hell is the challenge?' In my humble opinion, it is to increase membership so that appeals for money become unnecessary.

Maybe an appeal to pay for more staff members would get some sympathy, for these days it is only on a very special occasion that a Branch is honoured by a visit from a member of staff, something that was routine in the past, giving a direct link with HQ. However, at the rate lamps are being handed in the position should ease somewhat in this respect. The Branch is still the life blood of the Movement and it is high time that the policy of 'let them die' was reversed. Staff members should be recruited committed to saving ailing Branches and promoting new ones.

One of the suggestions made at the Market Harborough Conference was that attempt should be made to bring the over 40s into the Movement.

Early retirement and redundancies have created a vast pool of people looking for ways in which they can continue to be useful members of the community. There are many organisations which they could join but there are none which can offer the comradeship which, by diversity of profession and social status, exists in Toc H. A winning combination if exploited.

Fred Wilkins  
Ashby de la Zouch

## CEC Elections

I was amazed when I saw the revised version of the nomination form for the CEC and find it quite incredible that such a document should have been approved by the Executive without any consultation with Councillors generally.

I regard this as an insult to their intelligence and tantamount to treating the Council with contempt. I realise that I am only a 'voice crying in the wilderness' but did think that in Toc H we listened to and respected the views of others. Apparently I was wrong.

John R Morgan  
Ruislip, Middx

(Note: For the great majority of readers who will not have seen this document, may I explain that the revised form requests nominees to explain, in considerably more details than hitherto, their qualifications and skills, and their views about aspects of Toc H policy. It also requires the proposer and seconder to explain why they are making the nomination. — Editor)



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## Homo Amans

I have just written, rather belatedly, to thank John Kilburn for his most moving article in the June issue of *Point Three* about Mandy. Written as it was, comparing the competitive world of education with Mandy's simple approach to life, and highlighting her giving and her gifts despite what the world would call a handicap, I was very touched.

Nursing has brought me into a brief contact with some Down's syndrome patients, and I know just how loving and loveable these happy natured people can be. Many of those members and volunteers who have worked with them through jobs and projects will also have shared this experience.

John's article brought home to me, in so easy yet vivid a way, that every single person, no matter what their ability or limitation may be, is able to give, to share, to teach . . . in other words to enrich the lives of those around them.

The final personal and poignant sentence for me made the lesson even stronger, and so, through *Point Three*, I would like to make my 'thank you' to John a public one, and to send greetings through him to Mandy for her loving.

Janet Rauch  
Chelmsford

## The Papal Mass

The Editorial in the *Point Three* for July regrets that the Prince and Princess of Wales were unable to attend Mass in the Vatican. As the future King and Head of the Church of England I think he took wise advice to refrain. Not all of us who are members of the Church of England go along with the unscriptural doctrines of the Mass. There is a tendency to regard Mass as just another name for Holy Communion, whereas in fact the meaning and intention can be quite different. It's of course good for all Christians to pray, discuss and work together where issues of conscience are not involved. Why could not the Prince and Princess have a time of prayer with the Pope, or perhaps an evening visit for Vespers?

Ray Goodway  
Bristol

## Language Standards

I wonder whether any other readers of *Point Three* were as surprised as I was to see the heading in the June issue 'Where the Hell is the Challenge?'

There is a tendency in many directions today for previously accepted standards of speech and conduct to be

lowered and, with a shrug of the shoulders, to argue 'well - everybody does it these days!'

This surely is true of the phrase 'What (or Where) the Hell?' and I feel saddened that in the monthly journal of a Christian organisation such as Toc H that such an expression is not only used at the close of the article itself but as a prominent headline.

Harry Brier would have made his point equally strongly if the heading used had simply been 'Where is the Challenge?'

Jim Jarvis  
Teesside

## The Challenge from Durham

Apropos Ken's article in July *Point Three*, the Bishop may well be challenging us in his own peculiar way but the problem is that we cannot be sure what the Church of England and its Bishops do believe in these days.

As a simple question, do they really believe that Jesus is alive? I do. St Paul did. Read 1 Corinthians 15. John did. Read his first epistle, Chapter 1. These are no myths that they utter. What they say is true! I know! Sorry Mr Editor if I appear to share my certainties but how else could I have committed myself to Christ and gone through the waters of baptism if I wasn't certain. I agree it's mindblowing, to quote:

*It is a thing most wonderful,  
Almost too wonderful to be  
That God's own Son should  
come from heaven  
And die to save a child like me.'*

Ken speaks of myths written to help our understanding. Once you have accepted Christ you realise that in His dimension anything is possible, whether it happens yesterday, today or tomorrow and the 'myths', fantastic as it may seem, can be seen to be actual happenings.

David Owen  
Aylesbury

## Visit to Poperinge

The Ladies of Toc H Paris would like to express their warmest thanks to Ivy and Charles Swan, after their all too brief visit to Talbot House in early June. We were most kindly welcomed at the station by Charlie (who by the way had his windscreen smashed on his way to pick us up) and a welcome cup of tea was offered by Ivy on our arrival at Talbot House.

Visiting the House we learnt much more than we already knew about 'How it all began'. The Belgian members of the Poperinge Branch entertained us in the evening with 'Typical Belgian humour'. We also met several members of provincial Branches in England.

The 'ambiance' gave us the feeling of belonging more than ever to this large family.

Even though the weather was cold, the atmosphere was warm. We would like to wish Charlie and Ivy a happy retirement in Belgium and thank them once again.

Joan Pavelec  
Paris

## Waste Paper?

Waste paper is a wonderful way of raising funds, providing that you have space to store it for collection. If you have the facilities it offers additional income if papier-mache can be made (figures for carnivals, window displays etc).

Now the prices are high, and practically everything can be included, it does not take long to collect a load.

One thing that should *not* be included is *Point Three* - we arrange to 'accidentally' leave our copies in waiting rooms and among the magazines in libraries etc. This way we get the publicity for Toc H, of keeping the name in view, even if results don't appear to be there (which is true of TV too!).

Frank Field  
Polegate



Canon Hugh Potts, whose article 'Wheels and Toc H' appears in this issue, being sustained during Gloucester Branch's outing to Bourton-on-the-Water for 50 elderly people.



# Personality Point

## Welcome

The following new members were registered during June/July:

Arthur Hewitt (Barrow on Humber, J), Malcolm Crane (Beckley, M), David C Wright (Budleigh Salterton, M), Mrs Phyllis Smith (Charmouth, J), Frank Bradshaw, Joe Motlow, (Cheltenham, J), Mrs Katherine Nisbet, (Central Overseas), Mary C Frost (Glen Parva), Miss Richmal D Bridge, (Leominster), Revd John T Hughes, (Mold District), Mrs Ingeborg Davis, (Much Wenlock J), Miss Betty M Brown, (Netherall, W), John M A Kilburn (North Bucks with Oxford District), Miss Sandra L Richards, (Portsmouth, J Grp), Mrs Joyce M Holley, (St Helier (Jersey) J), Miss Hilda Needle, (Stockport J), Mrs Catherine R D Sladen, (Tower Hill, J), Mrs Hilda Price, (Thurrock, J), Simon J Stanworth, (Tyneside/Wearside District), Mrs Helen Voles, Diana D Jones, (Walton, J), Mrs Letty E Parsons, (Warwickshire District).

A warm welcome to 22 new members

## Congratulations!

to George Dench, a member of Leatherhead Branch, who has been awarded a certificate by Chris Bonnington, President of LEPRA, in recognition of over 25 years of service in support of LEPRA in this country.

to Chrissie Miller who was 100 years old on 5 August. She is the widow of Alex Miller who was Town Mayor of Poperinge when the house in Gasthuisstraat was acquired for 'Everyman's Club' in 1915. He it was who arranged to rent the house and went with Tubby to open it, giving the project his energetic support and to Tubby his lasting friendship.

In 1918 the Millers established a hotel next door to the BBC in London, so the friendship grew within the family circle till a bomb destroyed the building in 1940. During those busy years Alex was secretary of the City Temple till they moved to Scotland, where Tubby continued to share the family life whenever possible, marrying the son in Edinburgh and finally burying his old friend in Ayr.

When a Toc H Women's Branch struggled into life in Ayr Chrissie's help was invaluable. She was game for any ploy and, though already over 70, she helped weekly with the library at Bellochmyle Hospital, even turning up for duty the week after Alex died there.

Now living with her daughter in Edinburgh she is still active, crocheting shawls in aid of funds for St Giles Cathedral where Dorothy is an elder, and taking a keen interest in all that is going on. She is also an active participant in the Toc H Birthday Scheme, which she has been helping for 25 years.

As a member in Ayr comments, 'Alex and Chrissie will always be to us the personification of Toc H at its best'.

to David and Ann Marsh, members in Havant, Hants, on the birth of a boy.

## HARVEST by Jeni Edwards

With russet and gold the year is in turning,  
The fruit for the taking, the leaves for the burning.

Soft misty mornings breathe smoky oblation

— an incense to gods for a summer's completion.

Crisp sunlit days pass swiftly in ease  
To sunsets which echo the blaze of the trees.

One more mountain is peaked, one more tapestry woven,

One more cycle complete, one more promise is proven.

A time to rejoice — make the most of its span —

The moment is NOW, give thanks while you can.

## USED POSTAGE STAMPS

We are still collecting used postage stamps to support the work of Toc H, and all contributions are welcome.

During the last year we have received £163 from the sale of these used stamps, so it is worthwhile doing this.

Basically all stamps are acceptable, from abandoned collections to stamps off letters and parcels. Stamps should be left on one thickness of paper, with about ¼" of paper around. Not much more or buyers don't want to know; not much less or the stamps get damaged.

The address to send stamps is: George Dixon, 8 Priory Road, Peterborough, PE3 6EB.



The Kîrkaldy Toc H flower bed, occupying a prime site by the railway station and museum, is 60 feet long and 15 feet high. Residents of the town, and thousands of summer visitors, will not be able to miss this excellent piece of publicity.



# Forthcoming Events

September	1	Start of Project 44 (Port Penrhyn)	
	7	Start of North London Project, Port Penrhyn CEC Residential Weekend, Cuddesdon	
	13	Start of Project 25 (Hengrave, Suffolk) Project Development Weekend, Seghill	
	14	N Wales & N West REC	
	21	S West Regional Council N East Regional Festival, Darlington	Open
		Broadlands District Festival, Lowestoft	Open
October	27	Quiet Weekend, Cuddesdon	Open
	28	W Mids and S Wales Regional Council	
	5	Manchester Toc H Festival of Music, Free Trade Hall	Open
		N East Regional Council N Bucks and Oxford and Thames Valley Rally, Wolverton	Open
	12	W Mids and S Wales Regional Rally, Worcester	Open
		Southern Regional Council SE Regional Council	
		S West Regional Residential Weekend, Babbacombe	Open
	16	Midweek Training event at Cuddesdon	Open
	19	District Rally, Wroughton, Wiltshire	Open
		E Anglia Area Gathering, Ipswich	Open
November	25/27	Drop-in Project at Dunstable Down - Scrub clearance	Open
	26	N Wales & N West Regional Council	
	31	Meeting of representatives of Centres and Projects, Tadcaster	
	2/3	Central Council Meeting, Swanwick	
	22/24	Dunstable scrub clearance - see October 25	Open
	30	Scottish Conference, Dunblane	Open

Enquiries concerning 'Open' events may be sent to the Editor who will forward them to the local organiser.

## A Sponsored Walk in South East London

Saturday, 5 October 1985

Organised by Shooters Hill District Executive

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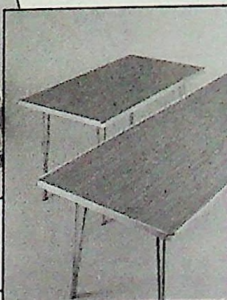
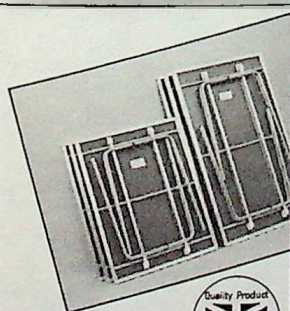
Coffee being served from 10.30 to 11 o'clock.

Speaker: Revd John Kelly, National Children's Society.

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# SCENES FROM A

# MARA



For the second year running a hugely successful Marafun took place in June at Trent Park, Cockfosters. The Deputy Mayor of Barnet, Clement Halfon, sent the 80 competitors on their varied distances. Thirteen completed a full marathon, five did half marathons, and everyone else did enough to feel they had done their bit. Over £2,250 was raised towards a variety of Toc H projects.



*The deputy mayor about to be trampled to death in the rush!*



*Toc H - Hi-Tec!*



*Some of the youngest competitors.*



*Entrants from Enfield PHAB Club.*

